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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

## **ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 618**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Levine**

February 19, 2003

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An act to add Section 5025 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles;  
~~and making an appropriation therefor.~~

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 618, as amended, Levine. Vehicles: special license plates: collegiate and professional sports teams.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue commemorative reflectorized collegiate license plates in lieu of the regular vehicle license plates to persons who apply for the special plates. The special plates contain the name of the participating institution as well as the reflectorized logotype, motto, symbol, or other distinctive design, as approved by the department, representing the participating university or college selected by the applicant. Any public or private postsecondary educational institution in the state that is accredited or has been accepted as a recognized candidate for accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges is authorized to indicate to the department its decision to be included in the commemorative collegiate license plate program and submit its distinctive design for the logotype, motto, symbol, or other design, except that no public or private postsecondary educational institution may be included in the program until not less than 5,000 applications

are received for license plates containing that institution's logotype, motto, symbol, or other design. In addition to the regular fees for an original registration, a renewal of registration, or a transfer of registration, certain additional fees are imposed for the special plates. The revenue derived from the additional fees is deposited in the California Collegiate License Plate Fund and the Resources License Plate Fund, as specified.

This bill would establish a similar special license plate program for collegiate sports organizations and professional sports teams, subject to certain special interest license plate design requirements in existing law. The bill would require the funds derived under the program, less the department's administrative costs, to be deposited in the ~~Title IX Compliance Account, which the bill would establish in the General Fund. The money in the account would be continuously appropriated to the Controller,~~ Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund. The bill would require those funds, upon appropriation, to be made available for expenditure for the purpose of promoting women's participation in high school and collegiate sports.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~yes~~ no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 5025 is added to the Vehicle Code, to  
2 read:

3 5025. (a) Any person described in Section 5101 may also  
4 apply for a set of commemorative sports team reflectorized license  
5 plates, and the department shall issue those special license plates  
6 in lieu of the regular license plates. The special plates shall be  
7 available in a special series of letters or numbers, or both, as  
8 determined by the department. The special plates shall be of a  
9 distinctive design that complies with Section 5060 and includes  
10 the name of the participating collegiate sports organization or  
11 professional sports team as well as the reflectorized logotype,  
12 motto, symbol, or other distinctive design, as approved by the  
13 department, representing the collegiate organization or  
14 professional team selected by the applicant.

15 (b) Any collegiate sports organization or professional sports  
16 team may indicate to the department its decision to be included in  
17 the commemorative sports team license plate program and submit



its distinctive design for the logotype, motto, symbol, or other design. However, no organization may be included in the program until not less than 7,500 applications are received for license plates containing that organization's logotype, motto, symbol, or other design. Each participating organization shall collect and hold applications for the special license plates until it has received at least 7,500 applications. Once the organization has received at least 7,500 applications, it shall submit the applications, along with the necessary fees, to the department. Upon receiving the first application, the organization shall have one calendar year to receive the remaining required applications. If, after that one calendar year, 7,500 applications have not been received, the organization shall refund to all applicants any fees or deposits that have been collected.

(c) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration, a renewal of registration, or a transfer of registration, or for replacement plates, the following commemorative sports team license plate fees shall be paid:

(1) One hundred dollars (\$100) for the initial issuance of the plates. These plates shall be permanent and are not required to be replaced.

(2) Eighty dollars (\$80) for each renewal of registration that includes the continued display of the plates.

(3) Fifteen dollars (\$15) for transfer of the plates to another vehicle.

(4) Thirty-five dollars (\$35) for replacement plates, if the plates become damaged or unserviceable.

(d) When payment of renewal fees is not required, or when the person determines to retain the commemorative collegiate license plates upon sale, trade, or other release of the vehicle upon which the plates have been displayed, the person shall notify the department and the person may retain the plates.

(e) All of the revenue derived from the additional special fees provided in this section, less costs incurred by the department pursuant to this section, shall be deposited in the ~~Title IX Compliance Account, which is hereby established in the General Fund. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the money in the account is hereby continuously appropriated to the Controller without regard to fiscal years, for expenditure solely~~ *Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund. Upon*

- 1 *appropriation, those funds shall be made available for expenditure*
- 2 *solely* for the purpose of promoting women's participation in high
- 3 school and collegiate sports.

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